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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of February 27, 2004. Claims 1-40 are pending and have been considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 40 is drawn to a signal per se. A signal is not a series of steps or acts and this is not a process. A signal is not a physical article or object and as such is not a machine or manufacture. A signal is not a combination of substances and therefore not a compilation of matter. Thus, a signal by itself does not fall within any of the four categories of invention. Therefore, Claim 40 is not statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. Claims 1-6, 27-31 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss (Java Servlets) in view of Hougland et al. (Core JSP) and further in view of Schildt (Java 2).

Claim 1, 14, 27 and 40: Moss discloses a method and computer readable medium for accepting a request comprising:

- a. mapping the request to a control tree factory (page 2-3, Figure 1.1)
- b. generating a response wherein the response can be used to render at least a portion of a graphical user interface (GUI) (page 2-3, Figure 1.1) [In the art, an HTTP response is used to send HTML to a web browser to build a GUI.]
- c. wherein the at least one control can represent a graphical element of a GUI (page 36, Servlet Example: Properties) [A servlet returns an HTML page back to the client. HTML pages contain graphical elements.]

but does not disclose

- a. generating a control tree from the factory based on the request wherein the control tree can include at least one control
- b. advancing the control tree through at least one lifecycle stage based on the request

Hougland discloses generating a control tree from the factory based on the request wherein the control tree can include at least one control (page 6-7, Java Servlets, JavaServer Pages) [JSP is a technology using server-side scripting that is actually

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translated into Servlets...]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add generating a control tree from the factory based on the request wherein the control tree can include at least one control. One would have been motivated to add generating a control tree from the factory based on the request wherein the control tree can include at least one control to Moss because it is a standard use of Servlets to translate a JSP into a Servlet.

Further, Schildt discloses advancing the control tree through at least one lifecycle stage based on the request (page 951, The Life Cycle of a Servlet). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add advancing the control tree through at least one lifecycle stage based on the request. One would have been motivated to add advancing the control tree through at least one lifecycle stage based on the request to Moss because it is the standard behavior for a Servlet to cycle through a life cycle.

Claims 2, 15 and 28: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Hougland further discloses creating a metadata representation of a control tree (page 6-7, Java Servlets, JavaServer Pages) [JSP is a technology using server-side scripting that is actually translated into Servlets...] and constructing the control tree based on the metadata representation (page 6-7, Java Servlets, JavaServer Pages) [JSP is a technology using server-side scripting that is actually translated into Servlets...]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art

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at the time of the invention for Moss to add creating a metadata representation of a control tree and constructing the control tree based on the metadata representation. One would have been motivated to add creating a metadata representation of a control tree and constructing the control tree based on the metadata representation to moss because Converting JSP to Servlets is a common use of Servlets.

Claims 3 and 29: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claim 1 and 27 and Moss further discloses wherein: the request one of: an hypertext transfer protocol request (HTTP), simple mail transfer protocol request, an instant messaging request, a request based on a standard protocol; and a request based on a proprietary protocol; and the request originates from one of: a web browser, a instant messaging window, and a process (page 2-3, Figure 1.1).

Claims 4, 17 and 30: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27, and Moss further discloses: providing the response to a web browser (page 2-3, Figure 1.1).

Claims 5, 18 and 31: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Moss further discloses wherein: the control tree is driven through the at least one lifecycle stage by an interchangeable lifecycle component (page 2, What are Servlets) [A Servlet is executed by a Web server or Servlet container which is interchangeable].

Claims 6, 19 and 32: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Hougland further discloses the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism (page 73-74, Multi-threading and Persistence) [The Servlet is persisted by the Servlet container and the Servlet container is interchangeable.].

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism. One would have been motivated to add the at least one control has an interchangeable persistence mechanism to moss because it is inherent in the use of Servlets for Servlets to be persisted by a container.

Claims 8, 21 and 34: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Schildt further discloses one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls (page 138, Introducing Methods) [It is common in the Java® programming language for classes, Servlets in this case, to interact with other classes, or even with themselves, through methods.] Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls. One would have been motivated to add one of the at least one controls can interact with another of the at least one controls to Moss because it is common in the Java® programming language for classes, Servlets in this case, to interact with other classes, or even with themselves, through methods.

Claims 9, 22 and 35: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claim 1 and Hougland further discloses one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls (page 6, Java Servlets) [Each individual Servlet runs as a thread inside the Web server process.]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls. One would have been motivated to add one of the at least one controls can advance through the at least one lifecycle stage in parallel with another of the at least one controls to Moss because it is common for Servlets to run as parallel threads in Servlet container process.

Claims 10, 23 and 36: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Schildt further discloses

- a. the lifecycle stage is one of : init, load state, create child controls, load, raise events, pre-render, render, save state, unload and dispose (page 951, Lifecycle of a Servlet), and
- b. wherein the lifecycle stage is part of a dynamically configurable lifecycle (page 951, Lifecycle of a Servlet).

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Claims 11, 24 and 37: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claim 1, 14 and 27 and Moss further disclose wherein: the response is one of: an hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) response, a simple mail transfer protocol response, an instant messaging response, a response based on a standard protocol, and a response based on a proprietary protocol (page 3, figure 1.1).

Claims 12, 25 and 38: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 and Schildt further discloses controls can raise events and respond to events (page 654, The Delegation Model, Page 896, Design Patterns for Events) [Controls can be represented by classes of any object-oriented programming language such as Java®. Java® classes can raise and respond to events.]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add controls can raise events and respond to events. One would have been motivated to add controls can raise events and respond to events to Moss because it is common for Servlets, which are Java®, to raise and respond to events.

Claims 13, 26 and 39: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method of claims 1, 14 and 27 above and Schildt further discloses the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons, TextBox, TextArea, Label, Button and Anchor (Page 886, What is a Java Bean) [A Bean may be visible to an end user. One example of this is a

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button on a graphical user interface.]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for Moss to add the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons, TextBox, TextArea, Label, Button and Anchor. One would have been motivated to add the at least one control can be one of: Book, Page, Window, Menu, Layout, Portlet, Theme, Placeholder, Shell, LookAndFeel, Desktop, Body, Footer, Header, Head, Titlebar, ToggleButton, TreeView, TreeViewWithRadioButtons, TextBox, TextArea, Label, Button and Anchor to Moss in order to create a GUI or some other functionality provided by Java® Beans.

4. Claims 7, 20 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss (Java Servlets) in view of Hougland (Core JSP) and Schildt (Java 2) as applied to claims 1, 14 and 27 above, and further in view of Geary (Graphic Java).

Claims 7, 20 and 33: Moss, Hougland and Schildt disclose the method and computer readable medium of claim 1, 14 and 27 but do not disclose wherein: the at least one control can render itself according to a theme. Geary discloses the at least one control can render itself according to a theme (page 317, Pluggable Look and Feel)[Controls can be implemented as one or more classes in an object-oriented programming paradigm, such as Java®. Pluggable Look and Feel can be implemented by Java® GUI classes.]. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art

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at the time of the invention for Moss to add the at least one control can render itself according to a theme. It would have been obvious to add the at least one control can render itself according to a theme to Moss in order to be able to have variable appearance of the rendered GUI components.

Conclusion

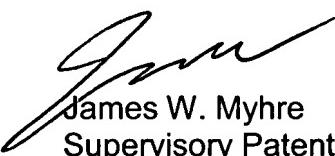
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Heffington whose telephone number is (571) 270-1696. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (Alternate Fridays off) 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Myhre can be reached on (571) 270-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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